

[15th March 1928]

APPENDIX.

[Vide answer to question No. 1749 asked by Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 15th March 1928, page 168 supra.]

*Letter from the Collector of the Nilgiris, dated 6th January 1928,
R.C. No. A-3-2496-27.*

[Forest—Disreservation—Kundah Reserved Forest—Mr. Garrett's application—Rights of way and grazing facilities.]

[Reference.—Government Memorandum No. 3524-I/27-1,
dated 12th December 1927.]

I went over the area on December 31st visiting Narigulimund and Cunemund and returning via Peermund bungalow. Some Todas and Badagas accompanied me. The portion of land proposed to be retained as reserve will not be sufficient for purposes of reserving rights of way. It will be necessary to reserve also the rights of way, etc., specified in paragraph 4 of the Chief Conservator's letter. The eastern boundary may run according to the alternative shown as (a) in the draft notification. This will leave the whole of the Der Bettu-Ounemund path in forest reserve. The Todas ask for nothing more on that side.

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3. The Badagas, whose objection petition I submitted with my letter R.C. No. A-3-2496/27, dated 15th September 1927, have no objection to the proposed disforestation and assignment provided they are allowed equal grazing facilities elsewhere. The Chief Conservator of Forests in paragraph 9 of his Reference No. 3429/27-1, dated 11th April 1927, states that the Badagas can get as good grazing to the west of the area applied for. The cattle kraals referred to in their petition are actually outside the area, to the east. If the exclusion of their cattle from the area affects the grazing available, all they need do is to shift about two miles west and establish kraals there with all the grazing they can want.